

six of Eccleston's surfing buddies and fellow airmen paddled out on surfboards into the Atlantic Ocean and cast a wreath on the water. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

"There's no greater gift than giving your life so that another may live," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Lowdermilk. "He gave the ultimate sacrifice and we'll always remember him for that. We've lost another great American." We will all miss him. Doug Eccleston is a true hero.

OLYMPIC TORCH BEARER GEORGE
M. MOORE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. George M. Moore. I have the pleasure of knowing George personally, and I am proud to recognize him. Tonight, George will carry the Olympic torch in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Although George considers this a once in a lifetime opportunity, it will actually be his second time to run the Olympic torch. Seventeen years ago, George carried the flame for the 1984 Olympic games.

In service to our country, George Moore has sacrificed much. As a United States Air Force fighter pilot, Moore did two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1970, when his plane crashed into runway construction. Injuries from this accident put George in a wheelchair. He was only 26 at the time.

Today George Moore is an active member of our West Virginia community. He serves as the director of the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He is a devoted father and husband. His active life is proof that George has the ability to overcome any challenge or obstacle with which he is faced.

In the Olympic spirit, George has dedicated his stretch with the torch to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. His compassion and determined approach to life is impressive and truly embodies the Olympic spirit.

George Moore is an inspiration to all of his fellow West Virginians. George is extremely deserving of this privilege of carrying the Olympic torch in our home state of West Virginia. I am honored to commend George Moore and I wish him all the best tonight.

HONORING MAYOR HARRIET
MILLER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to a woman who is not only an extraordinary citizen of Santa Barbara, California, but has also served the city as Mayor for the last eight years. On December 30, 2001, the City of Santa Barbara will honor Harriet Miller and pay tribute to her for all the wonderful things she has accomplished not only during her tenure as Mayor, but throughout her life.

Harriet Miller grew up in Idaho and attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry. After graduation, she went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania, and later received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Whitman College.

Education has always been a driving force in Harriet's life. From 1950–1955 she served as an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Students at the University of Montana. She was then elected as the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Montana in 1956, and additionally served the state as a member of the Board of Land Commissioners, the Library Commission, the Teachers Retirement Board and the Board of Education, in addition to being an ex officio Regent of the Montana University system.

In 1969 Harriet first moved to Santa Barbara and started HMA, a management consulting company. Yet after seven years of serving as president of the company, Harriet relocated to Washington, D.C. and over the next several years served as Executive Director of the American Association of Retired Person, the National Retired Teachers Association and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. She then returned to Santa Barbara and was appointed to Santa Barbara City Council in 1987, was elected during the same year, and was reelected as a City Council member in 1992.

In January, 1995, Harriet was appointed as Mayor, and then went on to become elected as Mayor in November of 1995. She was then reelected in 1997. During her tenure, Harriet Miller served the City in many ways, including serving as either a chair, active member, or on the Board of Directors for countless agencies.

Throughout the years, Harriet Miller has been a pleasure to work with and after stepping down from office she will surely be missed. The City of Santa Barbara has been fortunate to have such a distinguished woman as Harriet as Mayor, and the City will never forget all her wonderful achievements. I would like to thank Harriet today for her dedication to Santa Barbara, and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
AND DISTINGUISHED LIFE OF
EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF AP-
PEALS SENIOR JUDGE FLOYD R.
GIBSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Floyd R. Gibson, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit who died Thursday, October 4, 2001. Judge Gibson was a stalwart for justice and his professional career exemplifies his unwavering dedication to public service. His tenure in the Missouri State Legislature and his 34 years on the Eighth Circuit, created a legacy of commitment to Justice and the common good.

Judge Gibson was born in the Arizona Territory in 1910. He moved to Kansas City at age 4 and graduated from Northeast High School.

From Northeast, he went on to attend the University of Missouri, where he received his bachelors degree in 1931 and his law degree in 1933. In 1935, he wed his wife, Gertrude. Floyd and his lovely wife have raised three successful and talented children, Charles, John, and Catherine, while demonstrating a distinguished career in public policy and the law. Judge Gibson entered private law practice in the Kansas City area, where he rose to become a named partner in three firms. While in private practice, Judge Gibson was elected County Counselor for Jackson County.

He later turned his efforts to state government where he served 21 years in both the House and Senate of the Missouri General Assembly. He believed "politics is the handmaiden of the law and should be actively pursued by members of the legal profession as an avocation." The Judge distinguished himself in the Missouri Senate as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Majority Floor Leader, and in his final term as President Pro Tem of the Senate. His success did not go unnoticed—in 1960 the 'St. Louis Globe Democrat' newspaper named Floyd Gibson the Most Valuable Member of the Missouri State Legislature.

With such credentials, President John F. Kennedy nominated him in 1961 to become a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. Judge Gibson was named to the position of Chief Judge one year to the day of his September 1961 appointment. In June of 1965 President Johnson appointed Judge Gibson to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He served as Eighth Circuit Chief Judge from 1974 to 1980 when he assumed senior status. As a dedicated public servant, he continued to serve the Bench actively until June of 2000.

Judge Gibson has received numerous awards and honors. He received the University of Missouri Faculty-Alumni Award. He was named Phi Kappa Psi Man of the Year. The Missouri Bar Foundation honored Judge Gibson with the Spurgeon Smithson Award. He was an Honorary Member of the Order of Coif. He received the Kansas City Bar Association Annual Achievement Award and was a recipient of the Lawyers Association's Charles Evans Wittaker Award. A member of the Missouri, Kansas City, Federal, and American Bar Associations, Judge Gibson has distinguished himself through his legal work.

Judge Gibson's service to his community included the Chairmanship of Manufacturers Mechanics Bank and Blue Valley Federal Savings & Loan. He had an intense interest in agriculture and was a member of the Gibson Family Limited Partnership, which owns the Lone Summit Ranch and other farm ground in Jackson County, Missouri. Judge Gibson also gave back to the Kansas City community through his service on the Board of Trustees for the University of Missouri-Kansas City and as an Advisory Director to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. He was recently recognized as one of the top living contributors to the University Missouri-Columbia Law School.

Judge Gibson's life is celebrated by a host of loving family, friends, and colleagues who mourn his loss. Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife of 66 years, Gertrude, his sons, John and Charles, his daughter, Catherine, his daughters-in-law, Judy and Bonnie, his beloved grandchildren, Heather Allen, Jennifer